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1. As of November 1949 there were three Vietnamese anti-Viet Minh political groups active in South China: (a) the Viet Nam Quoc Dan Dang, composed of two groups representing on the one hand Vu Hong Khanh, and on the other hand Nguyen Tuong Tam; (b) the Phuc Quoc represented by Hoang Nam Hung; and (c) the Dong Minh Hoi represented by Nguyen Hai Than. These political groups are anti-Viet Minh but do not have any real power, either political or military. Their parties are not solidified or consolidated. Members frequently disagree among themselves. These parties are almost totally without popular support and represent little more than the leaders themselves who work mainly for their personal interests rather than for the interest of the party or for a definite political ideal.
2. Although these parties are united in opposition to the Viet Minh, their union is not solid and does not form a political front in the true sense of the word. However, a form of front does exist, although weak, under the direction of Luu Duc Trung. In November, Luu Duc Trung was shuttling between the island of Hainan and the areas of Kwangsi under the control of PAI Chung Hsi. He served as direct liaison between the Chinese Nationalists and the three exile anti-Viet Minh Vietnamese parties (the VNQDD; Phuc Quoc, and DMH).
3. Vu Hong Khanh of the VNQDD remained in Kwangsi but was represented with Luu Duc Trung by his assistant, Vu Xuan Tung. Nguyen Tuong Tam, who remained in Hong Kong, sent three of his assistants to help Luu Duc Trung; Nguyen Van Le, Nguyen Van Hung, and Long.
4. Nguyen Hai Than of the D.M.H. remained in Canton after the fall of that city to the Chinese Communists. However, he sent Ta Nguyen Hoi, a member of the D.M.H., to assist Luu Duc Trung.
5. Vuong Minh Son, spokesman of the Phuc Quoc, was sent to Luu Duc Trung by Hoang Nam Hung. After remaining with Luu Duc Trung for several months, Vuong Minh Son succeeded in obtaining a certain amount of money from him. Vuong Minh Son then retired from the scene to stay in Canton with his two wives. Hoang Nam Hung may occasionally be in direct contact with Luu Duc Trung. Hung has also sent another member of the Phuc Quoc, Nong Quoc Long, to Indochina to offer the services of the Phuc Quoc to Bao Dai.

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6. In general, Lau Duc Trung has become the chief of the exile nationalist parties of Viet Nam in liaison with the Chinese Nationalists. His can-bo number around twenty.
7. As of November, the Phuoc Quoc still had about 200 soldiers on the Chinese side of the Sino-Tonkinese frontier. The VNQDD and the D.M.H. remnants are also about that number. These troops do not have much spirit or value and they do not have can-bo representatives with Lau Duc Trung. The political leaders (Vu Hong Khanh, Nguyen Tuong Tam, Nguyen Hai Than) do not wish to become too involved with Lau Duc Trung and only wish to obtain some of his money.

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\*  Comment. The figure of true importance in the front is not Lau Duc Trung but Nguyen Tuong Tam who remains quietly in Hong Kong.

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